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▶ AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Obstacles persist despite administration's efforts

Building access
disappoints
student

By CHAD HAYWORTH
MANAGING EDITOR

When the Richard M. Webster Communications and Social Science Building was constructed, efforts were made to make the facility as accessible as possible to people with disabilities. However, College officials and those who use the building say there is still much to be done. "I am somewhat disappointed with the building," said Linda Gilbert, a sophomore sociology major who utilizes a motorized wheelchair. "Even though we have some guidelines [on accessibility] it's still not enough." Bob Beeler, director of physical plant, said the building was not

designed using the American with Disabilities Act guidelines, but adaptations, where possible, were incorporated during construction. Accessibility to the rear entrance of the building is one of the main obstacles facing those who must use both the indoor and outdoor ramping. "Those ramps are very steep," Gilbert said. "If I didn't have a motorized chair, I couldn't attend classes in this building." Beeler said the ramps meet the guidelines, which specify a slope of no more than one foot of incline for every 12 feet of ramp. "The ramp is legal," he said. "I'm not saying we like it, but it is legal." Gilbert said access to the Webster Auditorium and the building's rest rooms also are poor. "The only rest room I can get my chair in is on the third floor," she said. "I tried the second floor rest room and I couldn't maneuver in there." "And I took one look at the one on the first floor and said 'forget

it." Senior Vice President John Tiede said a committee was formed some time ago to look into making the campus more accessible. "Because of the relative newness of our campus, we are in pretty good shape," he said. "We formed the committee to look at any problems we might be having in meeting the ADA standards." ADA regulations exempt building owners from making any modifications which are extremely costly. Tiede said the College has requested state funding for some potential projects. One such modification is the installation of a chairlift on the back side entrance of the Webster Building, adjacent from the music building. In addition, more signage and doors which are easier to manipulate are being considered. "Overall, facility-wise we are in good shape," Tiede said. "However, we still need to work on ramps and signage."

IN YOUR FACE



CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

Craig Vonder Haar (right) sophomore communications major, and Michael Zirngibl (center), junior political science major lead the cheers at the Lions basketball game against Southwest Baptist.

▶ STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND

Senate earmarks \$3,000 for Phon-A-Thon, trip

Seneker defends allocation as
'recognition of budgetary woes'

By CHAD HAYWORTH
MANAGING EDITOR

During its first two meetings of the spring semester, Missouri Southern's Student Senate allocated \$4,000—\$1,000 of which will be used in the name of the Senate itself. In a controversial decision, the Senate voted 13-12 to donate \$1,000 to the College's annual Phon-A-Thon. Senior Senator Paul Hood, who voted against the allocation, said the donation seemed a little foolish

in his view. "What it is, essentially, is the College giving money to themselves," he said. Student Senate President Larry Seneker defended the body's actions, saying the donation was a reflection of the Senate's recognition of Southern's budgetary woes. "It's not the College's money," he said. "It's our money. Essentially, the students are giving back to the College. Nobody twisted the Senators' arms to make the donation." "The College is being short-

changed already, and the Senators had the idea to use the student activities money to help fund our education." Seneker said the donation would not be targeted for any certain department. The money was allocated on the first reading of the resolution, a practice only allowed when the Senate spends money on itself, said Doug Carnahan, faculty sponsor. The Senate also allocated \$2,000 for its annual trip to Jefferson City. Carnahan said this would be the 10th trip to lobby the legislature. Seneker said although the trips do not have much tangible value, he believes the effort is beneficial to the College.

"What we are essentially doing is going up there and lobbying for Missouri Southern State College," he said. "When you consider how things work in Jefferson City, meeting someone from Southern might just sway the way a senator votes on a particular issue." Seneker said the money spent is more rewarding to the College than any other allocation the Senate makes. "Plenty of organizations use the money to directly benefit themselves and thereby benefit the College," he said. "But I believe this trip directly benefits the College." Hood, who did not oppose the allocation, questions the effectiveness of the lobbying excursion.

"The whole question to me is does the trip benefit the College?" he said. "If it does, fine. But I do wonder if there isn't a more effective way to get the College's message across." Seneker said the trip should cost less than in past years, because instead of sponsoring an open luncheon, the College will host a private breakfast for select state officials. "We will invite about 10 or 12 area legislators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the commissioner for higher education," Carnahan said. "We are trying to get the food service people to donate the meal, which would substantially reduce our expenses."

The Senate cannot allocate more than \$1,000 to any campus organization during a given semester, Carnahan said. However, Seneker justifies the one-time \$2,000 allotment because the Senate operates the rest of the year with no internal budget. "Most of the other colleges in the state take a chunk off the top for administration costs," he said. "We don't, so that is why we can take that allocation." However, Hood remains undecided about the funding for the trip. "Maybe it is a little hypocritical for us to take more than we will give," he said. "Do we really get enough benefit to justify the money we spend?"

▶ CAMPUS SAFETY

Traffic shift causes concern

By JOHN HACKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Traffic patterns on Missouri Southern's campus have changed drastically since the completion of the Webster Communications and Social Science Building in 1992. The shift in traffic to the east end of the campus and the construction of the new gravel parking lot has sent College officials scrambling to ensure the safety of the students crossing Duquesne Road. Bob Beeler, physical plant director, said a shift was expected but the extent of the change took College officials by surprise. One of the measures taken to try to alleviate some of the pressure caused by the shift was to build a new, 120-space gravel parking lot across Duquesne Road from the Webster Building. To ensure the safety of those using that lot and the one near Hughes Stadium, the College is looking at a number of mea-

sures. "The city did put in a crosswalk at the corner [Newman and Duquesne roads]," Beeler said. "The city has promised to redo the paint on the crosswalk." Beeler said a fence was installed along Duquesne to direct pedestrian traffic to that crosswalk or the one near the stadium. The College is also working with Joplin officials to install a flashing warning signal on Duquesne Road near the football stadium to warn motorists of the stadium crosswalk. In addition, Beeler said Southern has asked the Joplin Police Department to step up enforcement of speed limits on both Newman and Duquesne roads. Sgt. Gerald Tuck, traffic sergeant with the JPD said no request had been received by the police department as of Wednesday. "We know we've got heavy traffic problems in that area because of the College," Tuck said. "We have not noticed any specific problems since they widened Duquesne Road and resurfaced Newman Road." He said if a request is received, the department will assign an officer during specific times when available to conduct a radar survey of the area. Beeler said the city has been

responsive to most of the College's needs. "They haven't granted all the requests because they simply don't have the money," he said. "I think they have done all they think they can do at this point." One related project that has not yet been completed is a sidewalk linking the crosswalk at Newman and Duquesne to sidewalks around the Webster Building. Beeler said he is following a "pave-path theory" when planning the sidewalk. "We are going to let the path that will be worn by the students determine the exact route the sidewalk takes," he said. "That path should be well defined by the time concrete-pouring weather arrives." Beeler said a relatively dry weather pattern with temperatures above 50 degrees at night is necessary to allow concrete to set. Future plans call for an elevated walkway to be built over Duquesne Road. "We would like to build a pedestrian overpass on Duquesne," said Senior Vice President John Tiede.

▶ PHON-A-THON

Donations further programs

By JOHN HACKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With less than one week to go until the 1993 Missouri Southern Foundation Phon-A-Thon, money is still coming in from pledges made by donors during last year's event. Sue Billingsly, Foundation director, said while the 1992 Phon-A-Thon exceeded its goal of \$175,000, approximately \$142,000 has been collected with more coming in daily. Collections "seem to be less than in years past," Billingsly said. Percentage-wise, however, collections are not far off from normal expectations, she said. The money from the event supports a number of activities which benefit students and faculty. "The money will go where it will do the most good," said Gilbert Roper, Phon-A-Thon co-chairman. "Faculty will get part of the funds," he said. "Students will benefit, as will many other areas of the College." Among the programs funded by Foundation allocations is the Faculty Development Committee. Jack Spurlin, committee chairman, said they receive approxi-

mately half their budget from Foundation allocations. "This enables us to give out twice the awards," Spurlin said. "The awards go to such projects as faculty research and helping develop new techniques for use in the classroom. We also help finance some faculty travel for seminars and other activities." Billingsly said the Foundation allocates all of its funds during a

given fiscal year. "The budget we work with is set in June of each year," she said. "The Foundation board decides how the money is to be allocated." One new aspect of this year's Phon-A-Thon is an advanced-giving brochure which has been sent out by the Foundation. "We sent out approximately

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1993 effort to reach 14,000

By SHERI RULE
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 14,000 Missouri Southern alumni and friends of the College across the United States will soon be getting a phone call asking for financial help. The Missouri Southern Foundation's 11th annual Phon-A-Thon, which will run Feb. 7-18, will attempt to raise \$175,000 for the College. This year's theme is "Making a Place in the World." Foundation Director Sue Billingsly said the goal is a real-

istic one. "We started in 1983 with a \$35,000 goal, and over the years we have been able to collect \$1.2 million for the programs the Foundation supports," she said. Contributions will fund ongoing support for the College Seminar Series, the Business and Economic Lecture Series, the Outstanding Teacher Awards, the Annual Patron Scholarship Banquet, faculty development, student development, student tickets to community concerts, travel for student groups, cultural events, and other activities. Please turn to EFFORT, page 3

MOVIES CAB buys modern equipment

By ALLISON GROSSE
STAFF WRITER

Students attending CAB-sponsored movies will be in for a big surprise.

New movie equipment was recently purchased to replace the old, out-dated projectors used previously. Instead of the 16mm projectors, CAB movies will now be shown on a big-screen television using VCR tapes.

Money to purchase the new movie equipment came from student activity fees. Andy Love, CAB co-chairman for movies, said the equipment did not cost a great deal because Billingsly Student Center already had the big-screen television.

Love said there were several reasons the old equipment needed to be replaced. He said the old projectors often would cause the film to break and get stuck inside. The film reels would sometimes even fly off the projector.

"The old equipment was a lot of work," Love said.

The VCR system will not only save time and trouble, it will save money as well.

"It's a lot cheaper," Love said. "That is why we (CAB) will be able to show eight movies this semester instead of six."

Another advantage of using VCR tapes is that CAB will be able to show newer films. Movies come out on VCR tape before they are released on film reels.

The new equipment was put to use Feb. 1 and Feb. 2 with the showing of *Sister Act*.

Love said student response to the new movie equipment has been positive.

"I have had only one complaint (about the new system)," he said.

Love said admission for movies will still be 50 cents. CAB will also sell candy and soda for 50 cents at each showing.

DIVINE INSPIRATION?



T. ROB BROWN/The Chariot

Neal Smith, junior business education major, moves to avoid a trailer parked in front of BSC yesterday.

LECTURE

Poet's work addresses African-American life, pain in inner-city

Experiences as counselor inspire reflective writings, illustrations

By KRISTA CURRY
CAMPUS EDITOR

Poetry writer and illustrator Bonnie Tolson will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, in Missouri Southern's Webster Communications and Social Science Building Auditorium.

Based on her own experiences, Tolson will address African-American life in the inner city.

"I will select a number of poems and read them," said Tolson. "I will talk about how I came up with them and how they struck me at the time."

Tolson published *Naturally*

Nappy, her first book of poems and drawings, in 1992.

"My poetry is a part of me," she said. "And it reflects how I perceive my environment."

"The inner city environment is like a fiery furnace because of the anger and resentment of not being treated like an individual."

Born and raised in Kansas City, Kan., Tolson graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1974. Following graduation, Tolson attended Sterling College in Sterling, Kan., where she received her teaching degree in 1978.

"I started teaching art in Kansas City on the secondary level," she

said.

In 1981, she received her masters degree in urban education from Kansas State University and continued teaching.

"When I started teaching, I saw a special problem for children who needed someone to talk to," said Tolson. "I was willing to listen to them."

"I decided I wanted out of the classroom. I wanted to become a counselor. I really wanted to work with children who had special needs."

In 1988, Tolson received her master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Missouri—Kansas City.

"I'm currently an elementary counselor at four schools with a case load of 1,500," she said. "In order to be a good counselor, one

RESIDENCE HALLS

Beeler: annexes 'not desirable anymore'

Temporary units close after 18 years of service

By BRIAN SANDERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Due to the rising cost of maintenance, the South Hall Annex residence facilities are going to have to find a new home. The annexes, purchased from the Joplin Holiday Inn in the early 1970s, were originally used to solve the problem of over-filled residence halls.

"They were self-contained units that were put on moving beams, and we had already laid the foundation for them," said Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services. "We brought them over in the summer of 1974 and had them winterized."

Although the annexes were

planned to be only temporary, they were a campus fixture until last summer, when the housing department decided to get rid of them.

"The option to discontinue facilities came up last summer," said Robert Beeler, physical director. "At first, we had to just demolish them, since they have little or no market value."

"We have talked about getting rid of them as surplus property, and we have sent a list of prospective buyers. They are to go—the physical plant has all the utilities and tables connected."

Beeler said one reason for getting rid of the annexes is that they were just not desirable anymore.

Another reason, according to Doug Camahan, director of student life, is the rising cost of upkeep.

"They have been a nightmare to maintain," Camahan said. "It's come to the point where it's not worth spending the money to maintain them anymore."

must stay somewhat objective about the various problems that children have. My poems have everything to do with this; feelings and pain."

Tolson also is involved with crisis intervention in schools.

"One thing that impacted me the most was a 10-year-old girl who died with diabetes," she said. "The mother had no idea her daughter had it and it's a shame. It had a lot to do with poverty."

"When I did intervention that day, I didn't realize I had taken in the pain."

"I came home and bawled. I grabbed the pain and had to release it. It was unusual for me."

Tolson is also bothered by the number of homeless people.

"One poem I wrote called 'Help' is about homeless people," she

said. "I don't think it's necessary to think Americans should have access to power and financial suits."

"Being an African-American, I don't have access to the 'American Dream.' I don't believe it can be to be able to feel free to sue like every other American. Though this appears to be negative, there are still people in the community who have hope and who are helping, but it takes everybody to make America work."

Prior to Tolson's presentation, Jeff Combs, junior criminal justice major, will perform a ballad titled "Things I Can't Change."

The Black Collegians, Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma are sponsoring Tolson.

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BLACK AWARENESS MONTH

Collegians plan observance

Danny Glover, Felix Justice to read Hughes' poetry, King's speech

By LESLIE KARR
STAFF WRITER

During February, African-American culture will get some added attention at Missouri Southern.

"If you think about it, most black students at Southern are athletes," said Tony Hughes, senior criminal justice/military science major and president of Black Collegians. "We are trying to get more traditional minority students to attend, in order to have a total minority atmosphere. I think that's what college is about. It's about learning to work with people outside of their own race or clique."

"Hopefully, this month we will succeed in getting black awareness in the academic sense, not only in the athletics."

More things are planned for this year's Black Awareness Month than in the past.

"When I first came down here there was not much being done for Black Awareness Month," said Bill Moten, senior management

major. "This year there's quite a bit. I'm happy about this and hope everything has a good turn-out."

A read-in will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday in the lounge area of Spiva Library.

Bonnie Lynn Tolson, poet and writer, will give a reading at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Webster Auditorium.

African-American Cuisine will be served from 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Billingsly Student Center cafeteria. It will be free to residence hall students and \$3.35 for all other individuals.

The cuisine will be cooked by women from local Baptist churches.

Other menu items will include cornbread, fried chicken, seafood gumbo, chitterlings, barbecue ribs, yams, homemade rolls, sweet pea pie, peach cobbler, and cheesecake.

"I think it's something students will really enjoy," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "It's cooked by different people for a different reason. They aren't making anything off this. They just want people to enjoy the food."

An Evening with Langston [Hughes] and Martin [Luther King Jr.] will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in Taylor Auditorium. Danny Glover will read Langston Hughes' poetry and Felix Justice will reenact Martin Luther King Jr. giving the speech, "I Have a Dream," and at least one other speech.

General Admission tickets are available at the BSC box office. Admission is \$5 for students and \$7.50 for the public.

Activities for Black Awareness Month are being sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, the English Department, and Black Collegians.

"Black Collegians are back and we are for real this time," Hughes said. "In the past we were kind of a joke. We didn't even have officers and our meetings turned into gossip sessions. Now we are getting a stronger foundation so it'll be here for many years to come."

"I'm pleased with what's being planned this month. I couldn't get any more cooperation from CAB, the English department, Val, and Darlene. Everyone, as far as the school is concerned, is helping us get money so we can do more things."

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14,000 letters and brochures to alumni, friends, and business donors," Billingsly said.

Approximately \$20,000 has been collected to date through this program.

The goal of the Phon-A-Thon is to call all of those 14,000 people who received brochures.

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Campus activities benefiting from contributions include the Alumni Association, men's athletics, Lady Lions, the student center, The Chart, Spiva Library, and Southern's general scholarship fund.

Faculty members will serve as Phon-A-Thon captains throughout the event and area lawmakers will make calls to kick off the fund raiser.

"We don't usually get to all 14,000," Billingsly said. "We usually reach about 10,000 people, but the mailings reach many of the lost alumni whose phone numbers we don't have."

Spurlin said the Foundation's money has been a real blessing to his committee.

"Due to the recent money crunch, the College has not been able to award money for special projects," Spurlin said.

Billingsly said volunteers are still needed to work the 10-day event.

Persons wishing to volunteer may contact the Foundation at Ext. 396.

Rep. Mel Hancock (R-Mo.), Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), and Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City), Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin), and Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) will be among the first evening's callers.

"We also will have College President Julio Leon, Student Senate President Larry Seneker,

and Foundation President Larry Kloeppel there as volunteer callers," Billingsly said.

The Phon-A-Thon will be held from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, and from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 8-11. The fund raiser will follow the same time frame the following week.

WAITING FOR SPRING



T.ROSS BROWN/The Chart

The sun peeks from behind a leafless tree by Matthews Hall during the warmer weather the Joplin region received this week.

BLACK LITERATURE READ-IN

Students to read literature

National emphasis on African-American literature will be brought to Missouri Southern Monday.

Sigma Tau Delta, the English honors club, is sponsoring an African-American read-in, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 8, in the Spiva Library entrance lounge.

Southern's read-in is in conjunction with read-ins being held Feb. 8-9, in colleges and high schools across the United States.

Dr. Doris Walters, Sigma Tau Delta adviser, said she discovered the read-in during the National Council for Teachers of English meeting in November.

"One reason (for the event) is I feel and the National Council for Teachers of English feel that African-American literature is still too little taught and still too underappreciated," Walters said. "A read-in is appropriate just to raise consciousness on African-American literature."

During the event, works by Maya Angelou, Tony Morrison, Langston Hughes, Alice Walker, and Mildred Taylor will be read.

Walters said several members of the Black Collegians will participate.

For more information, persons may call Walters at Ext. 644.

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OUR EDITORIALS

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A huge waste

Like a moth-ridden letter jacket worn to a high school reunion, the Student Senate has once again trotted out its old, tired excuses for wasting funds on a lobbying trip to Jefferson City.

The Senate appropriated itself \$2,000; twice what it will give any other campus group. Then, as if that weren't bad enough, the Senate voted to donate \$1,000 to the annual Phon-A-Thon.

Now, all of the obvious hypocrisy aside, doesn't the Senate believe Missouri Southern students pay enough?

Designating money from the student activity fund to pay for anything other than student activities is ludicrous.

Now, we do give Senate President Larry Seneker credit. He has made changes in the itinerary and axed the cash cow luncheon the Senate used to sponsor.

Seneker contends, however, that Southern indirectly benefits from the Senate's two-day sojourn to the Capitol. Sorry, Larry, but that dog doesn't hunt.

No one in the Senate can produce, nor can we find, anything the College has ever gained by this gross misuse of student activity funds.

Let's hope the Senate finally wakes up to the realization they are wasting our money on nothing.

Be careful

Stop, look and listen. This may seem like advise more suited to kindergartners than college students. But with the increased traffic on Duquesne Road, and the unrecognizable crosswalks from Hughes Stadium and the new gravel parking lot, it's downright scary trying to cross the street.

The College has bent over backwards to make parking on the east end of campus more convenient. Now all they have to do is figure out how to keep us from becoming, well, roadkill.

The crosswalks need to be repainted, and flashing signal lights might help. But, if people continue to speed on Duquesne Road, nothing will prevent a tragedy.

YOUR LETTERS

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Future leaders fight for doughnuts

EDITOR'S COLUMN

I guess my weekend experience is only a symptom of the real problem. Kids today do not appreciate hard work or the concept of sharing.



By KAYLEA HUTSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

After this weekend, I am of the opinion that if the world is left in the hands of the current crop of junior high school students, then the rest of us should pack our bags and move to Somalia.

I guarantee even Somalia would be better than America left under the influence of those kids.

Now, you may ask what brought on this insightful revelation. Well, I volunteered to help chaperone a group of junior high and high schoolers to a retreat Friday evening and Saturday morning.

I thought because I enjoyed those retreats in high school, it was only natural I would attend (besides, I was the only adult from my church to volunteer).

Boy, have I been out of the public school system for a long time.

While many of the students who attended the weekend were very well behaved, polite, and wanted to participate, a majority were the rudest and most selfish people I have ever met.

I guess my weekend experience is only a symptom of the real problem. Kids today do not appreciate hard work or the concept of sharing.

To explain what I mean, here is the scenario. We divided the entire group into five subgroups which were countries. Each country represented the entire world population percentages in relation to the number attending the event.

Then we placed in the middle of each group an amount of food which represented what the country normally receives.

There was enough food available to feed everyone there, but some groups had more than others.

Example: North America had more food per person percentage than Africa or Asia.

The activity was designed to show the kids separately there was not enough food to go around but if they shared there was enough to "feed" the world.

Then began an immediate free-for-all. Kids diving for the food, some were taking up to doughnuts apiece, without making sure that everyone got at least one doughnut.

I mean even I learned to share in kindergarten.

It was very frustrating to see this, because a group of students is an example of our future leaders.

This whole experience has led me to question upbringing of the new generation of children. The one of the first generations to have divorced and single-parent households rather than a two-parent family. Parents like mine, who have been together at least 22 years, are a rarity.

Maybe when we have children, we should focus them rather than our (both sexes) careers.

It's like an artist friend told me, "My children are my career."

I'm not saying that would stop this growing up of selfishness, but it sure couldn't hurt either.

Then again, maybe we should quit spoiling children by giving them everything they desire down the law, and give them some discipline instead.

Then, at the retreat, I wouldn't have to worry about trying to catch the girls smoking in the bathroom and could actually sleep.

Heroes replace truth with images

IN PERSPECTIVE

We are fast becoming a society that expresses itself 'more and more' about 'less and less.'



By DR. RICHARD LANE
PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS

As an impressionable young high school and college student, I often was entranced and mesmerized by famous people just because of the "image" they presented. Whether it was Elvis' fusion of rhythm and blues and country music into rockabilly, or Marilyn Monroe's fusion of the female anatomy into a too-tight sequined gown, the image presented and personified was paramount.

This is all fine and well to a certain degree; every society has needed its images and myths to help make life more palatable and enjoyable. But when "image" becomes all important and truth is relegated to the bottom "rung of the ladder," a society "totters" toward decay, since that society demands not truth and character in its leadership positions, but image and self-expressionism and promotion. It is not what you say that counts, but how you say it. I shall never forget the advice given by Joe Kennedy to the young Kennedy brood: "It is not what you are that is important, but what you appear to be." History has now shown this kind of ill-founded, short-sighted, and unwise advice to have greatly diminished the Kennedy legacy.

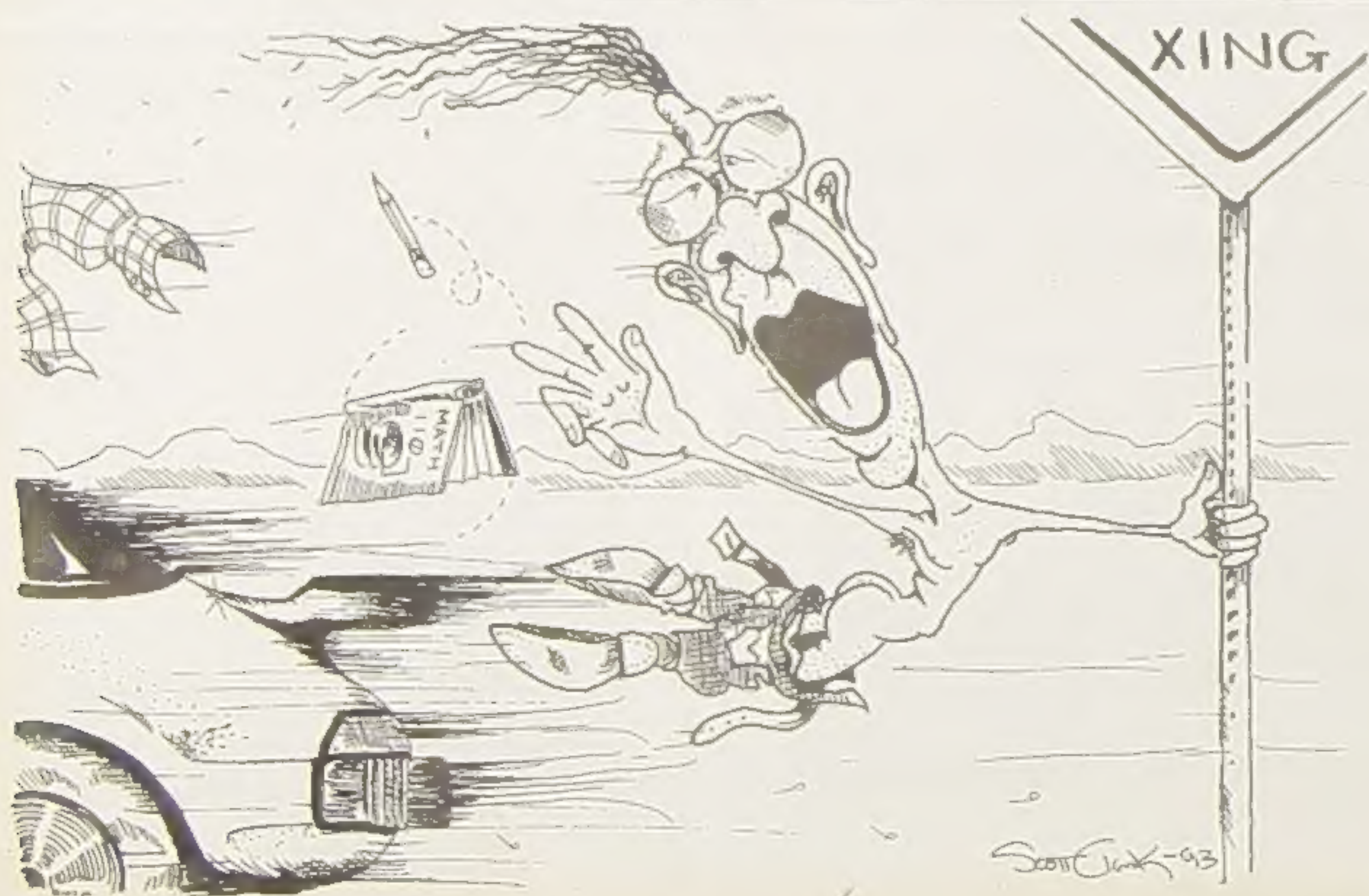
Beware of such non-heroes and heroines as: Spike Lee, Ice-T, Sister Souljah, Pat Buchanan, Andrew Dice Clay, or Madonna—the reader should note my "politically correct" balance of gender and race. When it comes to shallow and ephemeral role models, gender and race show no particular predilection. Also beware of famous people in the "creative" arts, who claim to be "experts" on the trials, tribulations, and vicissitudes of life. Anyone can "express," not everyone can articulate "careful thought and wisdom." We are fast becoming

a society that expresses itself "more and more" about "less and less." As the wise historical common sense philosopher, Will Durant said, "I forgot to make ourselves intelligent, when we made ourselves free." When did Meryl Streep become a chemist, well versed in the "non" threat of "nuclear" policy? We must hold these people accountable for what they "express" and not blindly follow their lead just because we like their acting.

Seek out role models who exhibit the following rare characteristics: character (their word is their bond), consistency of conviction, a "real" understanding of the natural world—not "utopian" idealism, depth and breadth of knowledge, understanding, and most importantly, wisdom. Short, role models that are "dull and boring." Catherine the Great put it, "One must search for true merit, for usually it is modest and returns." I often think of the wise statement of the famous Jewish philosopher, Spinoza, who said, "All that is noble are as difficult as they are rare." This advice holds for role models also; long-lasting will not be found on MTV or sadly, in the positions of politics. Just as most minerals that turn out to be "fool's gold," most of our heroes and heroines that currently receive media accolades will be "here today and gone tomorrow."

Focus on role models that remain consistent and do not change their mind due to a "revelation from

Please turn to page 3 for Dr. Richard Lane's full article.



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GLOBAL VIEWS

Ray finds Russia to be 'tremendous experience'

Comparative education study shows Russia needs to learn techniques

By P.J. GRAHAM
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Learning about other cultures sometimes teaches someone to appreciate their own a little more.

Erin Ray, assistant professor of education, could be described as one of those people. Ray, who took part in a comparative education study, went to Moscow and St. Petersburg in Russia in November to attend a conference discussing the results of the study. After seeing Russia first-hand, she had some thoughts about the United States.

"Everyday I was there," she said, "I thanked the Lord that I had been born in America. I think some of the things reconfirmed what I believed: It was cold and dreary and miserable all the time, and the highways were filthy. It was just bad."

"Everything you have seen about Russia is about what you see when you get there—except Red Square which was probably the most beautiful sight in the whole trip."

Ray was one of 10 education professionals in the United States asked to study at-risk first-grade students and teacher behavior toward those students. Ten schools who were studied in Russia and the two were compared.

Ray said the study found that Russian teachers have about five methods for the intervention of at-

risk students, while this country has approximately 30 different intervention methods.

"They concluded that they (Russian educators) needed to learn some of the strategies Americans have," Ray said. "[In Russia] everybody was taught just the same."

"They liked the idea that they need to humanize their teaching—treat all the students with compassion."

Ray said in the schools she saw, the teacher-student demeanor was good.

"I never saw teachers as kind to students as those teachers were in Russia—they revered them almost," she said. "The children were very polite."

However, she said the conditions in which teachers and students work are not desirable.

"Their schools are really depressing; really run down," she said. One teacher she met asked the group Ray was with to send any textbooks they might throw away because the Russian schools were so short of supplies.

She also said the everyday people and places were much like she had expected.

"They're in such a state of change; they don't know what direction to go in," she said. "They are out of jobs, food and supplies are limited—I saw a lot of grim faces."

"They were nice, friendly people. But a lot of them are really frightened and a lot of them are really angry."

Though Ray does not know Russian, she said she and her group had little trouble being understood.

"We had a Russian guide and at the conference we had translators," she said. "And many people there know English. Every culture except us has to teach another language."

Ray also experienced some of the more colorful parts of Russian culture.

"We had some really wonderful cultural experiences," Ray said. "We saw a lot of museums—everyday was just filled to the brim."

Aside from museums, she visited the Battleship Aurora, which fired the signal to start the Revolutionary War in Russia in 1917, attended two ballets and an opera, saw ice fishing in the Baltic Sea, was able to ride the Moscow subway for 1/4 of a penny, and had the opportunity to see such buildings as the Palace of Congress which "would compete with anything we have in this country" architecturally.

She says St. Petersburg is the nicer of the two cities.

"St. Petersburg still has a lot of beautiful old architecture," Ray said. "It was just a nice city."

Ray said the country is in a lot of need now.

"It is a wide open country for people who want to go over and help," she said. "They really need help. It (the trip) was just a tremendous experience."

GRANDEUR & GRIT



This Moscow building (top) exemplifies the best of Russian architecture. The woman (bottom) in Pushkin sweeps with a twig broom. Ray said the use of handmade items was common.



Photos courtesy of Erin Ray

ICE RESEARCH

Fast shift in climate is possible

By TIMOTHY LANGE
EARTH MATTERS

Samples yanked up from the thickest part of Greenland's ice blanket indicate that the Earth has the potential to warm and cool much more quickly than previously thought.

Drill cores brought to light as part of the Greenland Ice Sheet Project 2 show that the Arctic Island's climate underwent sharp shifts in a year or two, *Science* News reports.

Researchers in the GISP-2 study hope to lift a 3-kilometer-long cylinder of ice from the sheet that covers the island. The ice formed from snow that accumulated layer by layer over thousands of years, gradually compacted into ice from the overlying pressure.

By counting the layers, the researchers can trace how temperature, snowfall, and other factors changed year by year during the last ice age. Previous studies of less detailed ice cores had shown that the Younger Dryas period, a cooling off that occurred between 13,000 and 11,500 years ago, ended when temperatures in southern Greenland warmed by seven degrees centigrade over a half-century.

At the time of the study in 1989, that 50-year span was considered short. Analysis of the ice drilled at GISP-2 last summer indicates, however, that the switch-over from glacial to warmer modern conditions was even faster. But why?

Many scientists suggest something allowed the climate to change abruptly because of redirected atmospheric and possibly oceanic circulation patterns. Whatever the reason, the finding raises questions about whether global warming from greenhouse gases could knock the climate into a new pattern sooner than previously thought.

GISP-2 researcher James White of the University of Colorado says, "I used to tell my students climate could change in their lifetime. Well, now I tell them that it can change in less time than it takes them to graduate."

GERMAN UNIFICATION

Proposal to cut costs meets opposition

THE ECONOMIST

After months of discussion, the German government unveiled a plan on Jan. 19 to pay the mounting cost of absorbing eastern Germany. It sounds impressive: social benefits are to be cut, income taxes raised, spending shifted from the rich west to the poor east. The plan is the ruling coalition's contribution to a "solidarity pact" with unions, regional

governments and the opposition, which could pave the way for cuts in interest rates by the Bundesbank.

Yet the proposal has aroused more censure than solidarity, and a pact is still a long way off. Opposition leaders promised to destroy it unless the government withdrew some proposed cuts in social spending, including a reduction in unemployment benefits. The coalition began watering down its

scheme the following day. Politicians in eastern Germany scorned the government's plans for extra spending in the region as stung.

Not stingy enough to control the yawning budget deficit. The government now reckons that recession will swell 1993's spending gap to DM53 billion (\$33 billion), DM10 billion more than its last estimate. The coalition will borrow to finance this rise in the deficit; any

extra spending on the east must come from revenue or savings measures.

The opposition's assault on the savings plan could oblige the government to choose between two courses it has vowed to avoid: to borrow, or to raise income taxes before 1995. The savings plan does not pay for the government's pledge to keep alive a "core" of east German industry. The promise is vague, but the cost potentially vast.

For hope, in turn to the trade unions. Under the threat of recession, wage demands have already moderated. They hold the key to lower inflation, the precondition for sharp cuts in interest rates. All eyes are on the wage talks between government and the public-sector union. If the civil servants agree to a settlement of close to 3 percent, pundits reckon, the Bundesbank will be free to lower interest rates.

RUSSIA

Government arguing over constitution

THE ECONOMIST

One of the many things Russia badly needs is a new constitution. The present one was first drafted in 1936; despite hundreds of amendments, its second article still proclaims, "All power to the Soviets."

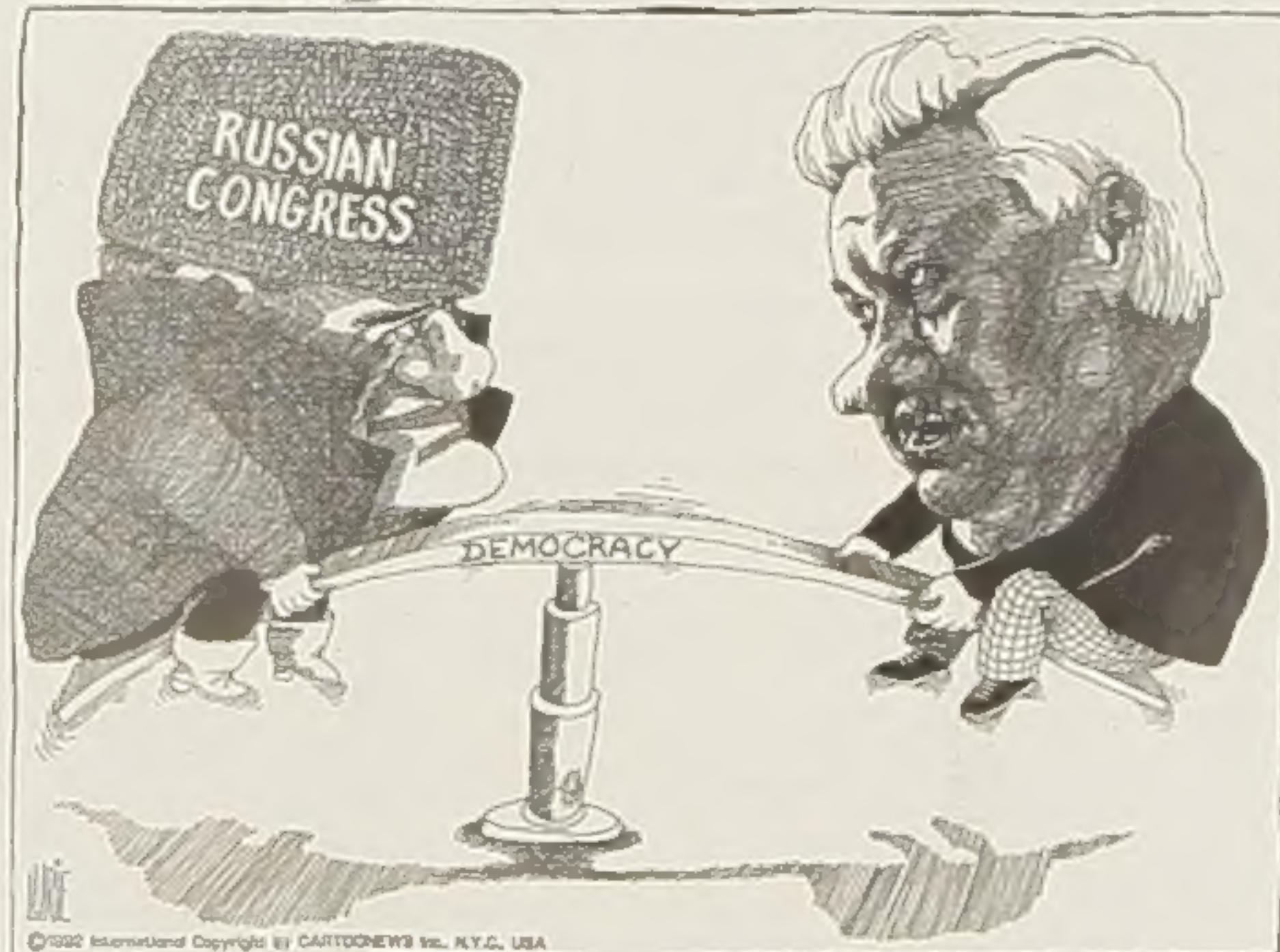
So long as this anachronism is the basis of the Russian state, there can be no clear separation of powers. This is the root of the quarrel between President Boris Yeltsin and Ruslan Khasbulatov, the speaker of parliament, which has paralyzed Russia's politics for the past six months and may now wreck its chances of economic reform.

The good news is that a referendum on the principles of a new constitution is supposed to be held on April 11. Sergei Yushenkov, the leader of the Radical Democratic faction in parliament, sketches out what should happen after that. A majority, he hopes, will vote for a new constitution based on a two-chamber legislature, a strong president, who will appoint the government, and property rights for all.

On June 12, Russia's independence day, a constituent assembly will be elected that will formally adopt the new constitution in the autumn. Then, in the spring of 1994, there will be elections to choose a new parliament and president.

As Yushenkov admits, there is a chance of this happening. Relations between parliament and

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the president are too poisoned to permit a sensible debate on the building of a new Russian state.

This confrontation need not have happened. Political advisers to Yeltsin now say they should have urged the president to dissolve parliament and call a new election after the failed coup in August 1991. The present parliament—divided into a Congress, which meets occasionally, and a smaller, standing Supreme Soviet—was elected in March 1990. It is stuffed with old thinkers, who have everything to lose if Russia becomes a proper democracy.

Between August 1991 and early 1992, Yeltsin could have dismissed parliament without loud complaints. Since then, his popularity has slipped. So now he has to try to

rebuild the state with the consent of parliament. The surprise is how far parliament has managed to outmaneuver him.

On the eve of the Congress that met in December, the Supreme Soviet passed a law making "parallel structures of government" unconstitutional. This was to prevent Yeltsin from calling for the election of a constituent assembly, in order to pass a new constitution without the assent of parliament.

Since then, the Supreme Soviet has begun to dismember Yeltsin's economic reforms. On Jan. 19 it passed a bill granting a 90 percent increase in pensions. This wrecked the government's 1993 budget. The Supreme Soviet refuses to pass a government-backed bankruptcy law, the lack of which makes the

restructuring of state-owned industry almost impossible. It is threatening to pass a law that would derail the one piece of real economic reform now under way—privatization.

A referendum is Yeltsin's best hope of breaking out of this confrontation with parliament. But it is risky.

It is unclear how the words on the ballot paper will be chosen, except that parliament has the right of veto over the final draft. Worse, the referendum may fail. For people struggling to survive, the question of whether the country should have a presidential or parliamentary form of government is hardly compelling. There are signs that many voters have already despaired of politicians.

CRIME IN BOSNIA

Serbian soldiers using rape as military tactic

Approximately 20,000 Muslims assaulted, according to European Community report

THE ECONOMIST

Even-handed observers of the war in Bosnia say atrocities have been committed by all sides. The observers are right, of course: Serbs, Croats, and Muslims have all murdered, tortured, and raped. But Serbs have won a particular reputation for brutality towards women.

Evidence that rape by Serbian soldiers has been carried out "in an organized or systematic way" was published by Amnesty International on Jan. 21. The evidence is consistent with findings in an annual human-rights report made by the State Department to Congress on Jan. 19.

The evidence also tends to support a confidential interim report made to the European Community's Council of Ministers, which was leaked to the press earlier this month. The European report said the number of Muslim women raped was at least 20,000, and that the Serbs are using rape as a "weapon of war," the American report said that the cruelty against Bosnian Muslims by Serbs "dwarf anything seen in Europe since Nazi times."

How many women have been raped and attacked? How many have been forcibly made pregnant by Serbian soldiers? The numbers are impossible to know. The Amnesty International report says "difficulties arise from the fact that the issue of the rape of women...has been widely used as a

propaganda weapon, with all sides minimizing or denying the abuses committed by their own forces and maximizing those of their opponents." Victims are often reluctant to say they have been raped, even once they reach safety: "Some women, it seems, feel they must obliterate the experience from their memory; others feel degraded and ashamed."

So estimates must be treated with caution. What is certain, says Amnesty International, is the existence of Serbian places of detention "which may in effect be brothels," where sexual humiliation and rape have been carried out by Serbian soldiers "with the apparent encouragement of their commanders."

Rumors of warfare-by-rape in Bosnia began circulating in early 1992. Outsiders should not have been surprised: such brutality is an extreme version of a pattern of warfare the Serbs established first in Kosovo in 1990.

Helinski Watch, a human-rights group, sent a team to Kosovo in 1991 to look into what Serbs had done. It reported that "The Serbian government has blatantly and systematically violated the most basic tenets set forth in international human rights documents. Serbian authorities in Kosovo are responsible for the torture and killing of ethnic Albanians in detention. Had the world been paying attention then, some of the horrors of Bosnia might perhaps have been prevented."

CAMPUS
EVENTS
CALENDAR

TODAY 4

Noon to 1 p.m.— LDSSA, BSC 313.

Noon to 6 p.m.— CPR Class, BSC 306.

7 to 9 p.m.— F.C.A., BSC Second Floor Lounge.

TOMORROW 5

Noon to 2 p.m.—

Superintendent Lunch, BSC 310.

7:30 to 11 p.m.— Alpha Sigma Alpha, BSC Third Floor.

SATURDAY 6

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.— Alpha Sigma Alpha Installation and Dinner, Connor Ballroom, BSC.

SUNDAY 7

2 p.m.— Phon-A-Thon kickoff ceremonies, Alumni House.

7 p.m.— Wesley Foundation, Newman Road, United Methodist Church.

8:30 p.m.— O.D.K., Basement Apt. B.

MONDAY 8

3 to 4 p.m.— Academic Policies, BSC 306.

3:30 to 5 p.m.— Phi Eta Sigma On Campus Marketing, BSC 311.

4 to 5 p.m.— Greek Council, BSC 314.

4 to 7 p.m.— Sigma Nu, BSC 313.

TUESDAY 9

8 to 9 a.m.— Administration Council, BSC 310.

Noon— Math League, Keystone Room, BSC.

Noon to 1 p.m.— College Republicans, BSC 311.

Noon to 1 p.m.— Newman Club, BSC 306.

Noon to 1 p.m.— LDSSA, BSC 313.

1 p.m.— CMEA, Taylor Performing Arts Center M222.

5 to 6 p.m.— Rodeo Club, BSC 311.

7 to 9 p.m.— Koinonia, College Heights Christian Church.

7:30 to 9 p.m.— C.A.B. Comedian Don Reese, BSC Second Floor Lounge.

7:30 to 10 p.m.— Missouri Southern Film Society, Connor Ballroom, BSC.

WEDNESDAY 10

Noon to 1 p.m.— Baptist Students, BSC 311.

Noon to 1 p.m.—

Ecumenical Campus Ministries, BSC 314.

3:30 to 5 p.m.— Department of Education Seminar, Connor Ballroom, BSC.

5:30 to 8 p.m.— Student Senate, BSC 310.

▶ OXFORD PROGRAM

Academic options abound overseas

Summer experience in England provides insight for participants

By TODD HIGDON
STAFF WRITER

Students wanting to broaden their learning experience have the opportunity to attend Oxford University in England.

Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research and the Oxford Program coordinator at Missouri Southern, attended Oxford during the summer of 1991.

"Going to Oxford was a tremendous experience," Honey said. "I took a course just like the rest of the students did."

In 1987, Southern started to send students to Oxford.

Approximately 20 students and two or three faculty members attended Oxford for the summer program.

"The students with a 3.5 GPA and up, and who have 75 plus credit hours are eligible to participate," Honey said.

to Oxford.

Students may participate in either one of two sessions offered. Session one runs July 5-24 and session two runs July 26 to Aug. 14.

Students may choose from a variety of subjects, including Medieval England, Shakespeare, English Novels and Poetry, and Britain at War: 1939 to 1945 and others.

The students are taught by Oxford University tutors and have the opportunity to tour many of the historical sites in England.

The cost is \$3,700 per student per session.

"The school is giving 15 of the 20 students a \$1,000 scholarship," she said.

Honey said the Oxford program has a number of advantages.

"Southern students have an opportunity to see another culture, to experience another culture—not exactly as a tourist—but they become involved in another educational system," she said.

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— Dr. Delores Honey, Oxford Coordinator

"Some of the courses are given as graduate credit, some are given as undergraduate, some are on a pass/fail basis, or letter grade basis. It all depends on the course they take."

The students may take one course at Oxford.

Since 1987, Southern has sent 140 students and faculty members

"The other advantage is because we send our brightest students over there, they find they are considered peers by these people at Oxford."

Mike Breakell, an Oxford summer tutor, visited the College in April 1992.

Breakell gave a lecture on encouraging students to visit England.

▶ CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Valentine's dance shifts gears

Carlisle asks for input on future student events

By JENNIFER SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

Students attending this year's Valentine's Dance may find a slightly different twist.

The Campus Activities Board will sponsor an informal Valentine's dance from 8 p.m. to midnight, Feb. 11 in the Lions' Den.

"This year we're taking this dance kind of light," said Rae Davis, dance chairman. "We're not planning to have a total blow-out."

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, said attendance is a

major factor in planning such events.

"We [CAB] throw around a variety of ideas to see what we can do to improve the attendance at the dances," Carlisle said.

"Student bodies change. Things that have worked in the past, don't work now and we're trying to think up ideas that will work in the future. We want people to want to come and want [people] to stay until the end."

Carlisle said CAB looks to spice up their events every year.

"I like change. I hate stagnation. I hate doing things over and over," she said. "I think the students like changes instead of having the semester go the same year after year."

The dance will include entertainment by CFox and Company.

"If people have requests that they

MAKING IT FIT



John Zippro (left), equipment operator and Ken Moser, carpenter labor to complete renovation in the entrance of the Spiva Library. Changes to the doorway will increase accessibility for disabled persons.

▶ LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT

Spiva receives renovation

By CHRIS BUNCH
STAFF WRITER

Spiva Library is getting a facelift. New furniture, a reconstructed entrance, an optical image workstation, and seven 486Dx computers are coming soon.

"Our biggest complaint before was the swinging doors," said Charles Kemp, head librarian. "Now the entrance is more inviting and easier for wheelchairs."

A lounge with new furniture has been added and some painting has been done in the front of the library entrance.

Kemp said government docu-

ments have been moved to the third floor to make more room downstairs.

He thinks this provides a better location and more personnel will be available to help students.

"I like the furniture. I can study in comfort," said Donna Staley, senior business major. "It will be nice when they get the computers, because the Learning Center isn't open on Sundays."

Another change is the optical image workstation. This is an upgrade from the older microfiche, which is still available for student use.

All the periodicals are on CD ROM. They are in full text, and can be laser printed.

The old computers from the Learning Center and seven 486 computers are on order.

The computers will have word processing, spreadsheet, and ROM capabilities. The area being renovated will provide space for the computers.

Students on campus believe new equipment will help them in their studies and prepare them for life after college.

"It would be a good addition to the other computers they use to have," said Chris Martin, junior marketing and management.

"It is a definite upgrade and Missouri Southern is ready to go on the future."

▶ NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

Couple finds niche in foreign languages

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

While non-traditional students are not a rarity, it is an unusual achievement for a married couple to complete more than 100 credit hours between them.

Dr. Henry and Mary Dunham, both of rural Racine, have been auditing classes at Missouri Southern since the fall of 1981.

They decided to attend Southern after being disappointed with a class at Crowder College in Neosho.

"We have been [enrolled] in something for every semester for seven or eight years," Mary said.

The couple said they will never forget the Intermediate Spanish class taught by Dr. Vernon Peterson in 1985.

It is the one class the two have taken for credit, rather than strictly auditing it.

"He made us take it for credit because he thought people who audited just came for part of the time or goofed off," Henry said.

"I had to bear down and really participate," Mary said. "It was too accelerated for me but I made an 'A'."

Peterson said the Dunhams will never forget that class.

"[I said] 'I don't want you people sitting around in my class,'" Peterson said. "I told them if they were going to get into it then they should make themselves accountable." They both got A's in the class.

Peterson said the two have long been supporters of the foreign language classes.

He said Henry can now speak German fluently.

The two were honored at the November meeting of SOHIS-PRO, the Spanish language organization, for their outstanding efforts here at Southern.

During the meeting they were awarded a plaque by Richard Massa, head of the communications department, and received a letter of commendation written by College President Julia Leon.

"Because of their scholarly efforts, they are both 'A' students," Peterson said.

"We decided the first honor presented by Sohis should be for them."

The Dunhams, Leon said, provide students with two role models.

"I cannot think of a better message or example given to our students than by the Dunhams," Leon said. "It is just heartwarming to see people so interested in foreign language."

Peterson said he has now become close and personal friends with the Dunhams.

The Dunhams said they were surprised by the award.

"It made me feel very humble," Mary said. "I thought my husband deserved it more than I."

Henry disagreed, saying that his wife attended the classes as well.

The two have each taken French, Spanish, and German classes and have been very impressed by the classes.

"The students are nice to older students," Mary said. "I have found them to be very respectful and congenial."

The couple said they will not forget the acceptance they found at Southern.

"We have enough good impressions to consider remembering the school in our will," Mary said. "If [the school] has enriched our lives."

Henry said he is thinking about learning Russian.

Both Dunhams said they will continue to audit classes at Southern for as long as they are both able to.

▶ COFFEE HOUSE

'Unholy sibling' on tap at BSC Tuesday

By MARNIE CROW
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Campus Activities Board will unleash "the sibling of an unholy union between Uncle Fester and Lurch of The Addams Family" on students at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, in Room 100 of the Billingsly Student Center.

This "unholy sibling" is comedian Dan "Road Dog" Reese.

"We all liked him a lot when we saw him at the NACA (National Association of Campus Activities) in Dallas, so we booked him," said Michelle Stonis, CAB coffee house chairperson. "He was this tall,

intimidating person but he was really funny."

Reese has performed at Slapstix in Kansas City, The Funny Bone in St. Louis, Comedy Corner in Colorado Springs and many more clubs across the nation.

He also has been featured on the MTV Half-Hour Comedy Hour, Caroline's Comedy Hour, and A&E Comedy on the Road.

Reese calls his brand of comedy "observational."

"I usually talk about things that happen to me," he said.

This year marks Reese's 10th year in the business, eight of that full-time.

"I always liked comedy and I found that I had an aptitude for it,"

Reese said. "So I worked until I could do it full time."

Reese got the name "Road Dog" because all the time he has spent working.

"Last year, I spent 260 days on the road," he said. "I was either going to or coming back home from a gig."

"I bought a brand new car—I mean brand new—last August and it already has 140,000 miles on it."

Playing college campuses is something that Reese had to get used to doing.

"It definitely was a big adjustment from playing clubs," he said. "Students are more responsive to the way I want to present my material."

(Madonna, Ice T, Sinead O'Connor, and Axl Rose) will soon consume themselves in hedonistic self-gratification and image obsession. Focus upon their ability to entertain, not to serve as a life-long role model.

▶ LANEAR, from page 4

stars," a shift in the "political wind," or a threat to their job status.

In summation, I would plead with and exhort the "growing and developing" young minds of today to choose their role models well. Remember that imagery and sym-

bolism are a poor long-term substitute for character and substance. And just as the Elvis and Marilyn "candles" of my generation flickered ever so briefly, I would also include Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison, and Janis Joplin, the "candles" that burn bright today

UPCOMING
EVENTS

CALENDAR

ON CAMPUS

Taylor Auditorium

Through Saturday — *Strange Snow* presented by Missouri Southern's theatre department. 7:30.
Feb. 27-28 — *Winnie The Pooh*, presented by Missouri Southern's theatre department.

Feb. 11 — Yoon-Kyung Kwon, violin.
March 4 — Southern Trio Faculty Recital.

Webster Auditorium

Tonight — Vocal Pops Concert.
Monday — Lark String Quartet; lecture and performance.

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Spiva Art Center

Sunday through March 14 — "Directions: Assemblage and Collage."

JOPLIN

The Bypass

Tomorrow — *Relativity* Bayride.

KANSAS
CITY

The Shadow

Every Friday — Bob Walkenhorst (Rainmakers) and Gary Charlson.

Tonight — *Maybe Definitely*.
Tomorrow and Saturday — *5 Nimble Pilots*.

Feb. 12 — *Pale Divine*.
Feb. 13 — *The Samples*.
Feb. 14 — *Pigface*.

The Lone Star

Tomorrow — *Great White*.
Saturday — *Bakers Pink* (formerly *The Front*).

Feb. 12 — *Izzy Stradlin* and the JuJu Hounds.

Memorial Hall

Feb. 20 — *Extreme* and *Saigon Kick*.

Municipal Auditorium

Saturday — *The Village People* with Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch.

ST. LOUIS

Mississippi Nights

Saturday — *Great White*.
Tuesday — *Ugly Kid Joe*.
Feb. 11 — *The Rembrandts*.

Fox Theatre

Saturday and Sunday — *The Statler Brothers*.

SPRINGFIELD

Hammons Hall

Feb. 26 — *"Men Dancers: The Ted Shawn Legacy."*

Shrine Mosque

Saturday — *Megadeth*.
Feb. 25 — *Black Crowes*.

FAYETTEVILLE

Doc Murdock's

Sunday — *Great White*.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

CMEA chapter helps musically inclined

Recent convention held at Tan-Tar-A resort

By CHRISTY MYERS
STAFF WRITER

The Collegiate Music Educators Association at Missouri Southern can be beneficial to students wanting to become more involved in music.

"The chapter has one program a month that deals with various helpful topics," said Dr. Wayne Harrell, professor of music.

The chapter recently attended their state convention which was

held at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Mo.

Harrell said there was a wide diversity of programs at the convention.

"This is a great opportunity for our students because we can see what the music profession is doing," he said. "We are able to exchange ideas with others. It also helps us become more acquainted with others."

"I think these conventions are meaningful to the students. They

can apply extremely beneficial ideas. They can also gain experience from them."

Currently, there are 21 students involved with Southern's chapter, and there are 26 chapters statewide. Missouri ranks sixth in the United States.

Once a month, the Southern chapter schedules a program.

"We recently had a program on the hot topic everywhere—the American 2000 program," Harrell said. "This program that President

Bush issued four years ago did not include the Arts. Governor Carnahan is also parlaying this program. Currently, MENC is lobbying for the arts department.

"All arts collegiate state and nation wide are pursuing this."

The chapter's next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Room M-222 in the Taylor Performing Arts Center.

"This program will include a guest speaker, Vicky Lollar, who is a music director at Greenfield High School," Harrell said. "She will be discussing effective music programs in small schools."

The national chapter meets biannually, and approximately 12,000 people attend. Teachers from elementary to college level are members.

Southern's student chapter officers are Brian Rash, president; Melanie Beller, vice president; and Connie Estes, secretary.

The chapter welcomes new members.

"Anyone who is interested in music as a career or would like to know what is going on in the music profession," Harrell said.

For further information, persons may contact the music department at Ext. 318.

PUT TAB 'A' IN SLOT 'B'



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Atsuko Ohira folds a strawberry at Tuesday's International Club meeting in Billingsly Student Center.

DEBATE

Delaughder, Autry win
Pittsburg State tourneyBy HONEY SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

After vacillating over whether to attend the forensics tournament at Pittsburg State University, the Missouri Southern debate team's efforts impressed even them.

"I feel real good about it," said Eric Morris, debate coach, in reference to the results of the tournament. "We had a difficult and diverse judging pool. I feel real good that we're succeeding despite the diverse judging."

Ken Delaughder, senior communications major, and Greg Autry, freshman political science major, won the tournament. Delaughder captured first in the speaker awards.

"The last two weeks have shown that Missouri Southern has mastered the regional level of competition and is now ready to be competitive at the national level," Delaughder said. "The debaters have been able to have this level of success because of the tremendous support of the College, the communications department, and a lot of hard work from our coach."

Morris is pleased because the team that won the tournament was

working together for the first time.

"I think it's neat that we won with a team who had never competed together," he said.

Kim Lawry, sophomore history major, and Kacy Carver, freshman accounting major, have previously participated in the novice division but were entered in the junior varsity division in this tournament. Although they did not break, they went 3-3.

"They did an excellent job considering that they were two divisions higher than they usually compete," Morris said.

The individual events team also had a productive weekend. John Kerney, senior accounting major, finished second in dramatic interpretation and fourth place in programmed oral interpretation. His fourth place finish brings him a step closer toward the national tournament.

Junior communications major Steve Williamson and Curt Gilstrap, sophomore marketing major, took their duo to the finals.

This weekend the debate squad will be going to the University of Missouri-Kansas City for a tournament. Last year, this tournament was the third strongest in the nation.

VOCAL POPS CONCERT

Performance focuses on hits

By LEASA WEBB
STAFF WRITER

Get ready to kick off your socks at the Vocal Pops concert at 7:30 tonight.

The first concert of 1993 will be held in the Webster Communications and Social Science Building auditorium.

Kicking off the performance will be three groups of singers, some of which will go solo.

The 12 members of Southern

Exposure, six members of Southern Belles, and the barber shop quartet, Lumber Jacks, will perform several mixes of pop from the 1950s to current pop singles.

"The students who perform in the concert are not just music majors," said Charles Clark, director of choral activities.

Clark, who will be presenting the program, said "the performance gives the kids a chance to display their talents."

Clark has been directing con-

certs at Southern for the past four years.

The program will run a little more than an hour and the singers will perform a variety of pop songs.

Some of the songs that will be performed are "Ticket to Ride," "Get on Your Feet," "If Ever I'm in Your Heart," and "Cat's in the Hat."

Clark said the concert will be free to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN FILM SOCIETY

French film avant garde classic

One of the earliest feature length experimental films to come out of France in the mid-1920s will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of Billingsly Student Center.

The *Late Matthew Pascal* is the sixth presentation in the 31st Annual International Film Festival, presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society and co-sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council.

The *Late Matthew Pascal* was based upon Luigi Pirandello's novel *Il Fu Mattia Pascal*. The

famous performer Ivan Mosjoukine plays the title role, a young man who travels abroad in find consolation from grief. A false report of his own death allows him to enjoy his much desired freedom, but he finds that a lack of identity can create its own problems.

The film is recognized as a significant contribution to the French avant garde movement. Roy Arnes, film critic, noted that the film is "valuable both for its intrinsic merits and its representative qualities. Mosjoukine's masterly performance and magnetic person-

ality hold the film together, and the shifts and changes of Matthew's life offer full scope for the actor's virtuoso talents."

Georges Sadoul, film historian, commented: "This is Marcel L'Herbier's best film, together with *Eldorado*. It is notable for Mosjoukine's powerful comic performance and the documentary like use of exteriors (shot in Italy). The sets by Alberto Cavalcanti and Lazare Meerson are remarkable."

Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students.

► NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

Airport plan sparks controversy in four-state area

By CHAD HAYWORTH
MANAGING EDITOR

A proposed \$122 million airport has cleared another hurdle in the attempt to ease travel headaches in Northwest Arkansas, and could be operational by 1995 or 1996.

However, not everyone is happy about the prospects of another regional airport in the four-state area.

"My market range is about a 50-mile radius," Joplin Regional

Airport Manager Steve Stockham said. "We draw a lot of people out of the Bella Vista area. If they build a new airport 20 or 30 miles north of the old site, it starts to infringe on our southern market."

Northwest Arkansas is currently served by Fayetteville's Drake Field. Northwest Arkansas Regional Air Authority spokesperson Scott VanLaningham told *The Chart* because of Drake's location and size, the need for a new airport is safety as well as accessibility.

"With mountains on one side and the White River on the other,

morning fog is a continual problem," he said.

The new site, located west of Springdale, would contain an 8,800 foot runway on 3,200 acres. VanLaningham said enplanements at Drake Field have increased 193 percent since 1985 and last year totaled more than 193,000. In contrast, Stockham said Joplin Regional had about 80,000 enplanements last year.

"Due to the growth of the industries in the area, such as Wal-Mart, Hunt, and Tysons, our enplanement rate is growing much faster than

the national average," VanLaningham said.

In addition to the question of need, Stockham said the financing of the project concerns him.

"The thing we oppose is they are requesting federal funds to build an 8,800 foot runway on the 3,200 acre site," he said. "If they want to build to that grand a scale, they should come up with private funds. Don't ask the American taxpayer to pay for it."

"Why spend \$130 million in the middle of chicken country when there are three facilities [Joplin,

Springfield, and Tulsa] that are operating under capacity?"

VanLaningham said as much as 90 percent of the runway and 30-40 percent of the terminal could be financed with federal money. The remaining cost would be taken on by the regional air authority, putting no additional tax burden on the residents of Washington and Benton counties.

Last November, 74 percent of the voters in the two Arkansas counties elected to have the process move forward. This indicates, VanLaningham said, Northwest Arkansans also

believe in the project.

"Folks are tired of driving an hour and a half or two hours to fly," he said.

VanLaningham said the waiting on the environmental impact report and work on the master plan has begun.

However, Stockham said the struggle is far from over.

"I'm getting ready to go to Washington, D.C., in the last of March to meet with Sen. [John] Danforth [R-Missouri]," he said. "I want to take a good look at the whole situation."

► RIGHT TO DIE

Foundation stimulates awareness for families

Organization receives international publicity, shows concern for Busalacchi court case

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

When family members formed the Nancy Cruzan Foundation two years ago, they hoped others would learn from their experience.

"Our family made a decision to request Nan's life support of artificial hydration and nutrition be stopped," said Chris White, Nancy's sister. "It was a very personal and private decision and it really wasn't just our decision, but we were serving as Nan's voice."

"[Neither] we nor the Foundation are trying to sway the decision [of other families]," White said. "It is yours and if not yours then hopefully your family's."

The Foundation was established in June 1991, six months after Nancy's death, by Bill Colby, attorney for the Cruzan family.

"He realized that perhaps we might feel a need to continue to help other families," said White, who serves as the foundation's executive director.

White said it took several months of discussion among the family before the goals began to formulate. "[In Nov. 1991] I told my parents I would be willing to leave my job and work full-time for the foundation," White said. "They were very supportive."

The formation of the foundation became official on the Dec. 26, 1991 anniversary of Nancy's death.

White said she became involved in the work of the foundation because of the impact of situation on her life.

"It is my sister's name," White said. "We had talked about the idea of beginning the foundation and hiring somebody to run it, but this

ways they can protect themselves."

She said one way is through advanced directives such as living wills and a durable power of attorney.

White has traveled to seminars and conferences throughout the United States telling about her family's decision. The case has had an international impact as well.

She said a Japanese television station recently traveled to Carterville to interview the family. The foundation also has been featured by an Australian film company. White received letters from Norway following the rebroadcast of the PBS *FrontLine* show which featured Nancy's story.

Through the foundation, White has talked with many families who are facing similar situations.

"It's really strange. You have never met these people, and you may never meet them in person," she said. "But there is such a feeling of connection because you have an understanding of the situation and a sharing of feelings that sometimes people who haven't walked the road maybe wouldn't understand."

"The one thing I have found to be most rewarding is to be able to answer that phone and comfort and support the family who is in that situation, because I remember how lonely it felt," she said.

White said the foundation also has been in contact with Pete Busalacchi concerning the court cases surrounding his decision to remove his daughter Christine's life support system.

"It is well-known that Pete was watching very carefully, waiting for the decision to be rendered in Nan's case because he felt it would have some impact on his case," White said.

"When and how it will be

"The one thing I have found to be most rewarding is to be able to answer that phone and comfort and support the family who is in that situation, because I remember how lonely it felt."

— Chris White, Nancy Cruzan's sister

was a very personal experience that our family went through.

"In a way, I don't know if there is anybody else who can let people understand Nancy like our family can."

White said the initial contribution to fund the foundation came from her parents. Now it is funded through the honorariums family members receive when speaking at seminars throughout the country.

"We have been approached about profit-making ventures like a national registry of living wills," White said. "But we have chosen not to do that because Nancy always helped people."

"She was the kindest, most caring individual that I have ever known. I have a personal motive because I almost feel like through me Nan can still help people."

The foundation has three goals: To help other families in similar situations; to encourage people to make advance directives; and to speak to those in medical professions so they can understand the struggles the patient's families face.

"Just by the sharing of our experiences, we try to show people they could be in our situation," White said. "We try to show people there are

resolved I don't know—whether it will be in a positive or negative way," she said.

On Jan. 11, 1983, Nancy was involved in an automobile accident and found dead at the scene. She was revived, but was without oxygen for at least 12 to 14 minutes. She was later placed in the Missouri Rehabilitation Center at Mount Vernon, Mo., where on Sept. 26, 1986, she was classified as being in a "persistent vegetative state."

On May 28, 1987, family members delivered a letter to the center requesting the end of life-sustaining treatment. In 1988, a lower court decision approved removal of the feeding tube. However, the Missouri Supreme Court overturned the decision. On June 25, 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Missouri Supreme Court's decision.

On Dec. 14, 1990, following new evidence which fulfilled the requirements requested in the Supreme Court's vote, Judge Charles Teel ruled the feeding tube be removed as requested by Cruzan's family.

On Dec. 26, 1990, Nancy died, almost eight years after her car accident.

CONCRETE RESULTS



Joplin Cement Company at Jakes and Duquesne roads recently had one of its trucks painted green and yellow to honor Missouri Southern. Bill Elsey, general manager, said the paint job cost approximately \$2,500 and is beneficial to both the College and Joplin Cement.

► JOPLIN CEMENT COMPANY

Local contractor salutes Southern

Concrete truck flaunts College color scheme to symbolize spirit

By JOHN HACKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Of the hundreds of concrete trucks serving the Joplin area, one stands alone.

Joplin Cement Company, at Jakes and Duquesne roads, recently purchased six new trucks, one of which it had painted in Missouri Southern's green and yellow colors

with "MSSC" on the mixer drum.

Bill Elsey, company general manager, said they did it to "honor the College."

"We've poured nearly all the concrete on campus and we felt it would be good for [the College] and good for us," Elsey said. "We've been located right here by [the College] since we opened."

The trucks were finished about

two weeks ago and just started operation Monday.

Each truck costs approximately \$60,000 and the paint job costs nearly \$2,500.

The company has illustrated the College in some fashion on one of their trucks before.

"In 1978, we made a football out of the drum of one of our trucks to commemorate the football team," Elsey said.

Bob Beeler, director of physical plant at Southern, said he received no notice from the company that they were going to do it.

"It came as a neat surprise to when I first saw it," Beeler said.

"They sent someone over a week back to do a color-match for paint, but other than that weren't told a thing."

The company is owned by Sparks of Joplin and has a fleet of 25 trucks.

Elsey said his company was looking for anything in return for the free publicity.

"We didn't do it for gain," he said. "We just thought it would be a good idea."

► JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL

City officials waffle on additional court fees

Lafayette House to pay half of costs for election on \$1 cost for municipal cases

By JOHN HACKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Life after death was the order of the day for one proposal at the Joplin City Council's regular meeting Monday.

The Council debated and defeated an emergency ordinance that would place on the April 6 ballot a proposal to add \$1 to the cost of all municipal court cases and earmark the proceeds to go to local shelters for battered persons.

After the defeat, the council voted to reconsider the measure and passed it after adding an amendment which requires Lafayette House, a local shelter for battered persons, to pay half the cost of the election. Officials estimated the city's share of the cost for the election at \$8,000.

During the debate, Councilman

Milt Wolf questioned whether it was fair that all municipal court cases, including those that did not include domestic violence, have the charge tacked on.

Doug Hunt, councilman, said he supported the proposal.

"This is an opportunity for this body to show support for an organization and maybe save lives," Hunt said. "Knowing the community like I think I do I think they would say give us a voice in the matter."

Jayne Erwin, secretary of the Lafayette House, requested the council pass the measure without requiring a vote of the people.

She said she had polled the members of the shelter's board of directors and Lafayette House would be willing to pay for the election if it was deemed necessary.

The first measure had the city

footing the bill for the election costs. Mayor Bernie Johnson was absent and the council vote was 5-3 in favor of the ordinance, falling one vote shy of the six votes needed to pass an emergency ordinance.

Ron Richards, mayor pro-tem, who cast one of the negative votes, moved to have the measure reconsidered. After an amendment was added requiring Lafayette House to pay half the election costs, the ordinance passed unanimously.

At the informal session just prior to the regular session, the Council heard a proposal to renovate the derelict Frisco Building at corner of Sixth and Main streets.

Carl Wilson, the building's owner, requested the city kick in \$120,000 for the rehabilitation of the structure which he said has been empty since 1987.

He also asked the city to support an application for a federal grant of \$600,000.

"The application has to be made through the city and with the sup-

port of the city," Wilson said.

The grant is being offered through the Missouri Department of Transportation and would be used to renovate the exterior, roof, and other areas of the building and to open a transportation museum on the first floor of Virginia Avenue side of the building.

"The building will qualify for grant if it is related to transportation in some way," Wilson said. "The museum is a possible way to make [the project] qualify for the federal grant."

Council members expressed reservations about committing money to a private project of this magnitude.

"I don't see what we're getting for our \$120,000," said Councilman Earl Carr. "We need to know where the project will be and \$600,000 worth of exterior work and establishment of the museum."

The Council took no action on the project.

UNITED STATES SENATE

Danforth will not run again in '94

Ashcroft, Talent top GOP wish list

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In an announcement that surprised even close political allies, Sen. John C. Danforth (R-Mo.) said Monday he would retire from politics next year and return to St. Louis and the Episcopal priesthood.

At a news conference at Lambert International Airport, Danforth made the announcement to reporters.

"Public service was my childhood dream," Danforth said. "The reality, first as attorney general of Missouri, then as a senator, has far exceeded that dream in interest and excitement. It has been an honor and joy for which I shall always be grateful to the people of Missouri."

"But public service, however enjoyable, is only a part of life. It has been important for me to see it that way. I do not want to cling to it as though my whole identity is decided by elections, for it is not." Danforth's term will expire on Dec. 31, 1994.

He has had a storied career in Missouri politics, beginning with his victory in 1968 in the race for Missouri attorney general. He was the first Republican elected to state-wide office in more than 10 years. After running unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate against incumbent Sen. Stuart Symington in 1970, Danforth ran, and was successfully re-elected, as Missouri's attorney general.

In 1976, Danforth was elected to the U.S. Senate, defeating former

Gov. Warren Hearnes. Danforth was best known in the next year for voting for the Panama Canal treaty, which sparked criticism from conservative Republicans in Missouri.

In 1982, he barely won re-election in a race against Harriet Woods, who later became Missouri's lieutenant governor. Danforth became the chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, the first Missourian since World War I to head a major Senate committee. He later lost the post when Democrats regained a Senate majority in 1986.

In 1988, he was a major architect of the revision of U.S. trade laws that established the "Super 301" provision for trade retaliation against unfair trading partners. Later that year, Danforth was re-elected to a third term by defeating now Attorney General Jay Nixon, with the largest victory margin for a Senate race in Missouri's history.

He was probably best known for leading the successful effort to get the Senate to confirm Clarence Thomas as a U.S. Supreme Court justice. He also helped win the Senate vote to override President George Bush's veto of Danforth's bill to re-regulate cable TV. That was the only time Congress overturned a Bush veto.

"I can say I've really enjoyed it more as time has gone on, and I think I've been better at it as time has gone on," he said. "But there's more to life, and that's an important statement."

Colleagues of Danforth were

The Danforth File

- 1968 — Danforth won election as Missouri's attorney general.
- 1976 — Danforth elected to the U.S. Senate defeating former Gov. Warren Hearnes.
- 1982 — Won re-election in a close race against Harriet Woods.
- 1984 — Became chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee.
- 1991 — Led the effort to get Clarence Thomas confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 1992 — Helped win only successful override of a Bush veto.



John C. Danforth

quick to praise the accomplishments of his career. State Auditor Margaret Kelly called Danforth a pioneer for reform, integrity, and honesty in the state.

"Jack Danforth is truly the leader of the Republican renaissance in Missouri," she said. "His leadership, ability, and his influence will be missed in Washington, D.C., but we will all be greatly enriched by his return to Missouri."

Tom Fowler, chairman of the Missouri Republican Party, said Missouri Republicans owe Danforth a debt of gratitude for his years of public service.

"Jack has done an excellent job representing the interests of Missouri in the U.S. Senate," he said. "He has stood for good gov-

ernment and has been a strong supporter of the Republican Party."

Danforth's decision not to run leads to questions about who will be the Republican nominee in 1994. Fowler said a good choice would be former Gov. John Ashcroft.

"No one else in Missouri can approach his national stature and reputation," he said.

State Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said he believes Ashcroft, along with former Sec. of State Roy Blunt and former treasurer Wendell Bailey, were his choices for the position.

"I personally think that (Blunt) and Wendell Bailey's political futures are in doubt," he said. "It will depend how well they stay

active in the party."

Blunt recently accepted a position as president of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar.

"That will be a big step for somebody and they had better have a lot of financial backing behind them," Burton said.

Sen. Michael Reid (R-Hazelwood) said he would prefer U.S. Rep. James Talent (R-Chesterfield).

"He is the one great candidate we have who can lead in that position," he said.

Talent recently defeated incumbent Joan Kelly Horn in a close race for the U.S. House.

"It will be fun to watch them all line up for Danforth's seat," Burton said.

WE THE PEOPLE

Joplin wins statewide competition

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY—

Although they are not going to Disneyland, one Joplin High School class is headed to Washington, D.C.

The class completed its fourth consecutive victory in the "We The People" U.S. Constitution competition in Jefferson City Monday.

Barbara Arnold, who teaches the Advanced Placement American Government Class at JHS that participated in the competition, said the students worked very hard to win the contest.

"These are truly the most motivated kids in the school," she said. "This competition really involves some outside commitment."

Senior Andrew Grabow, who competed, said the win feels great.

"Considering that we received the materials late, it is an excellent victory," he said.

Arnold said 30 students competed in the competition for Joplin, although 38 are enrolled in the course.

"The competition requires a minimum of 15 kids in a class to compete," she said. "One class has 30 kids, but the other only has eight."

"These eight kids have served as coaches for the competition."

Joplin successfully defended its championship by winning every event in the competition and setting a record score and will now travel to Washington, D.C., May 1-3 for the national competition.

This group has outstanding possibilities in the national competition," Arnold said. "This event is such an important thing."

These kids as a means for getting the students interested in the Constitution."

After each student learns the Bill of Rights, they are divided and each student becomes an expert in his or her own area.

The main emphasis of this class is to develop critical thinking skills," Arnold said.

"It hasn't fully sunk in yet, but we're going to Washington," senior Stanley said.

"We really owe a lot to our spon-

CIVIL DISCUSSION?



Rep. Steven M. Carroll (D-Hannibal) Inquires another House member during discussion of the riverboat gambling legislation Tuesday.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL FUNDING

Amendment would give choice to legislators

Reid wants issue on November ballot

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY—

The Senate Education Committee met Tuesday to begin discussion of a proposed constitutional amendment (SJR 10) that would allow the citizens of Missouri to vote on a basic issue of funding for local elementary and secondary schools.

The proposal was introduced by Sen. Michael Reid (R-Hazelwood) in response to a decision a few weeks ago by a Cole County circuit court judge that declared unconstitutional the current formula used to distribute state aid to local schools.

"The people of Missouri are tired of having the courts impose their views on the public education system of our state," he said. "My

proposed constitutional amendment would make sure the Legislature would develop the school foundation aid formula and not the courts."

Reid's hope is to get the proposal on the November general election ballot.

"The sooner we act on this the better," he said.

Section 1, Article V of the Constitution of Missouri would be repealed and one new section would be adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 1, which would then read:

"The judicial power of the state shall be vested in a supreme court, a court of appeals consisting of districts as prescribed by law, and circuit courts. The people reserve unto the General Assembly, subject to sections 16 through 24 of article X, the power to determine the

method of financing, the power of appropriating, and the power of distribution of state money for public education, and nothing in this article, Article I or Article IX of this Constitution shall be construed

"The people of Missouri are tired of having the courts impose their views on the public education system of our state."

— Rep. Michael Reid

as giving these powers to the judicial department."

Reid said it is time the people of Missouri have a chance to express their views on this issue.

"The people reserve unto the General Assembly the power to determine the method of financing and the power of appropriating state money for public education and nothing in this section shall be construed to give that power to any other branch of government," he

said.

If approved by the House and Senate, Reid's measure would be submitted to a state-wide vote at the next general election, or at a special election called by Gov. Mel Carnahan.

Reid told the committee that although most people of this state are not experts in political matters, they are experts on their pocket-books.

"Are the courts going to determine the cost of a good education," he said. "It's time we gave the people of the state the chance to end judicial tyranny of the courts in our educational system."

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

MU officials defend use of automobiles

Controversy has arisen at the University of Missouri-Columbia in a time of budget tightening over automobile usage by top administrators.

President George Russell and Charles Kiesler, chancellor of the Columbia campus, recently bought new luxury cars on competitive bids from a Columbia dealership. Russell had purchased for him a Buick Park Avenue Ultra SE at a cost of \$26,154. Kiesler received a new Park Avenue Ultra, equipped with extras including electric sunroof and a compact disc player at a cost of \$28,200 to the school.

Rep. Chris Kelly (D-Columbia) said cars that expensive were not appropriate.

"They smack a privilege that I don't think has a particular place in a public institution," he said.

Both cars will be equipped with cellular phones, and Kiesler plans to hire a part-time driver.

"A Mazda is not very chancellor-like," Kiesler said.

Carnahan names two to SMSU Board

Gov. Mel Carnahan appointed two new members to the Board of Regents of Southwest Missouri State University Monday.

Carnahan named Barbara Burns of Sheldon, and Thomas Strong of Springfield to six-year terms on the Board. Both must be confirmed by the Missouri Senate.

"Barbara and Tom are committed to quality education," Carnahan said. "I'm counting on both to make outstanding contributions to the SMSU Board."

Burns replaces Regent Tom Fowler of Springfield. Strong replaces Regent Jack Miller of Lebanon.

Northwest Regent to seek Senate seat

Democratic party leaders picked Frank Strong Jr., a member of the Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents, to run in a special election for a vacant state Senate seat.

Strong, a lawyer from Maryville, will face Republican Glen Klippenstein in the election March 9 to fill a vacancy created by the departure of Democrat Pat Danner, who was elected in November to Congress.

MU freshmen must now live on campus

Last week, University of Missouri-Columbia chancellor Charles Kiesler announced that first-time college students will be required to live either in a residence hall or in a Greek house as of fall semester 1994.

Freshmen who graduate in the spring and attend a summer session in a college would not be excluded from this order.

Those freshmen living with their parents in Columbia for financial reasons will be granted exemption. But, university officials will write a letter to these students' parents explaining that it may be beneficial for them to live on campus.

CMSU to start two-tiered residence hall

Beginning in the 1993 fall semester, the Central Missouri State University Office of Residential Life will implement a new two-tiered residence hall system. New students will live in "first-year halls," while older students will have the option of living in "upper class communities."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 8 Lady Lions down Lincoln 70-47

By CHAD HAYWORTH
MANAGING EDITOR

Senior forward Rolanda Gladen poured in 23 points as the Lady Lions rolled over Lincoln University 70-47 in Jefferson City last night.

Eighth ranked Missouri Southern, 18-1 and 8-1 in the MIAA, led the Tigerettes (2-16 and 0-9 in the MIAA) by only nine at the half, 30-21.

"With a team like Lincoln, it's

important to feel like we can come out and control the game," Ballard said. "We didn't block out well in the first half and we allowed them to get a lot of second and third shots."

Junior forward Honey Scott continues to struggle offensively, Ballard said.

"It all comes down to confidence," he said. "She needs to have a good game offensively and she will settle down some."

Southern hosts the Northwest Missouri State University Lady

Bearcats on Saturday, and Ballard said he hopes the Lady Lions can string together two solid halves offensively.

"We've got to be more consistent," he said. "We have been playing 40 minutes of defense, but we are inconsistent on offense."

Against Southwest Baptist University last Saturday, Southern shot 34 percent from the field in the first half and 58 percent in the second.

At home the poor shooting is less of a problem, Ballard said, but

when the team is on the road it can dramatically affect the game.

"When we are at home, we feel more confident that we are going to make a run," he said. "On the road, it is very important to get out of the gate early."

Northwest will offer the Lady Lions an interesting challenge, Ballard said.

"Northwest concerns me," he said. "They have some very big kids, and it is important to keep our post players out of foul trouble early."

Ballard said he hopes Southern's defensive intensity will rattle the Lady Bearcats.

"Northwest had trouble last year with our pressure," he said. "Their guards aren't too athletic, and we hope to use our guards to create the pressure."

Southern will travel to the University of Missouri-Rolla Wednesday for a MIAA contest. The Lady Lions defeated UMR 66-63 Jan. 20 at Young Gymnasium after trailing by 16 points.

KEEP AWAY



CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

Missouri Southern's Ray Morris (left) looks to pass the ball inside during the Lions' 68-66 victory over Southwest Baptist University at Young Gymnasium Saturday. Defending on the play is Trevor Crowe.

TRACK

Lions, Lady Lions to face 'rugged' competition at Kansas Relays

Rutledge says good weather has benefited team

By P.J. GRAHAM
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Recent good weather has benefited the Lions and Lady Lions track teams as they prepare for the University of Kansas Relays.

"We've had a good week of training," Coach Tom Rutledge said. "We have been able to get outside."

Rutledge anticipates the competition to be rugged, with both Division I and Division II teams competing.

"It will be a variety," Rutledge said. "I think it will be some of the best competition we will see anywhere."

He said he feels very positive about the the Lady Lions, two Lady

Lions are nationally ranked, and the Lions team.

"We have several guys who are scratching the surface," Rutledge said. "We feel very good about it."

He said the teams' strengths are in the jumping events. However, Rutledge said spectators can expect a lean year in the distance running events. Because of a heavy cross-country season, he has pulled back on the distance runners.

"We won't be as strong there as some other schools," he said.

Despite these difficulties, Rutledge foresees improvement for his teams.

"We have a lot of youth," he said. "I feel confident that we'll improve in several events."

Because track and field competition is based more on the individ-

ual's performance compared to more team-oriented sports, Rutledge said the individual improvement of his team members will make the team more likely to score better.

"People can achieve success by trying to improve, the winning will take care of itself," he said.

So far this season, the track and field participants have not faced numerous injuries. Eddy Emery, who sustained a hairline fracture after twisting his ankle during the Jock's Nitch Southern Stampede, a cross country event last September, will not be running in track and field events anytime soon, Rutledge said.

"We may go ahead and red-shirt him," he said, "because I want to see that leg healed."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Free throws lift Lions over Tigers

Three Southern players score 19

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Three Missouri Southern players scored 19 points as the Lions defeated Lincoln University 78-72 last night in Jefferson City.

Seniors Demarko McCullough and Ron Joyner and junior Chris Tucker all led the Lions in scoring with 13.

Lincoln's Corey Warner led all scorers in the game with 32 points, 24 of them in the second half.

"He's a great player and he certainly got his share tonight," said Lions head coach Robert Corn.

Southern jumped out to an early lead with a Joyner 3-pointer on the game's first possession. This paced the Lions to a 38-35 half-time advantage over the Blue Tigers.

With 2:15 to go, Southern had regained the lead and was beginning to stretch it out, 68-63. The Lions ran the shot clock down to 15 seconds, and senior Demarko McCullough drilled a 3-pointer to stretch the lead to nine. The Lions scored eight 3-pointers in the game.

Southern held on for the six-point victory on the strength of five-of-six free throw shooting by Joyner down the stretch.

"It's very important that when you've got that lead you knock those free throws down," Corn said. "I was glad to see that our young men were able to do that and it was a big thing for us."

In the previous meeting in January, the Lions defeated Lincoln 101-88 at Young Gymnasium. Corn said if the score was around 100 points in last night's game, Southern was in trouble.

"We wanted to make sure we controlled the tempo of the game," he said. "I think we did a pretty good job of controlling that."

On Saturday, the Lions will return home to face the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats in an 8 p.m. contest at Young Gymnasium.

Corn said the Bearcats have a very talented team.

"[Guard] Orlando Johnson is scoring big for them and [forward Tom] Harris lit us up last year," he said. "Every game is a difficult challenge and there is nothing easy out there."

"You just have to prepare and get your team physically and mentally ready to play because it's going to be a battle for 40 minutes."

Last year, the Lions traveled to Maryville and lost to the Bearcats in overtime. Corn said Northwest was able to get the ball inside and spread the floor well in that game.

"They penetrated with the ball well, and Harris had about 26 for them," he said.

Corn said Southern must first do a good job defensively not allowing the penetration.

"Our post people are going to have to be solid, and we can only afford to give them one shot," he said.

Corn said the Young Gymnasium crowd played a big part in last Saturday's 68-66 last second victory over Southwest Baptist University.

"I thought the crowd was really good," he said. "Anytime you have a crowd like that, it is certainly an advantage for you."

Senior center Tony Jackson, who sat out last night's game after getting his wisdom teeth removed, is expected to play against Northwest on Saturday.

McCullough remains eighth in the MIAA scoring 17.2 points per game, while Tucker is third in MIAA rebounding with 8.7 per game. Tucker is also fourth in field goal percentage with 56 percent and 10th in free-throw percentage with 72 percent.

Joyner is eighth in three-point field goal percentage with 42 percent.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA	CONFERENCE STANDINGS	LIONS 68, Southwest Baptist 66
	(as of Feb. 2)	(Saturday)
Washburn	8-0 18-0	Southwest Baptist 33 - 33 - 66
Mo.-Rolla	6-2 12-6	LIONS 33 - 35 - 68
Mo.-St. Louis	6-2 11-7	
LIONS	5-2 12-5	
Mo. Western	5-3 13-4	
Central Mo. St.	4-4 11-7	
Emporia St.	3-4 12-5	
Southwest Baptist	3-5 13-5	
Lincoln	2-6 11-7	
Pittsburg St.	2-6 9-9	
Northeast Mo. St.	2-6 5-13	
Northwest Mo. St.	1-7 8-9	

LIONS' STATISTICS	FG%	FT%	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Pts.
McCullough	45.1	78.0	6.0	2.6	1.3	17.2
Tucker	57.3	72.0	8.7	0.4	0.4	18.2
Joyner	45.8	88.9	2.2	3.1	1.5	13.0
Price	35.4	85.7	2.4	0.7	0.9	7.6
Henderson	44.0	82.6	1.3	2.2	0.9	6.8
Allen	38.2	80.0	1.0	1.7	1.2	5.4
Moens	42.9	70.8	0.9	1.5	0.5	4.8
Jackson	48.2	87.5	4.3	0.9	0.8	4.5
Burrell	56.5	80.0	3.8	0.9	1.1	3.4
Dorman	43.8	50.0	3.3	0.9	0.6	3.1
Drum	61.5	66.7	2.5	0.0	0.1	3.3
Bushnell	33.3	83.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.7
Totals	46.2	73.9	36.7	14.2	8.8	80.9
Opp. Totals	42.7	65.7	33.6	11.0	8.9	88.8

Three-point field goals: McCullough 16-11 (131%), Joyner 37-58 (42%), Price 25-71 (35%), Henderson 11-31 (35%), Allen 19-60 (32%), Morris 11-27 (41%), Burrell 0-1, Bushnell 0-1.

Upcoming Lions' Basketball Games
Saturday - Lions vs. Northwest Missouri State University, Young Gymnasium, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA	CONFERENCE STANDINGS	Lady Lions 78, SBU 56
	(as of Feb. 2)	(Saturday)
Washburn	8-0 18-0	Southwest Baptist 20 - 36 - 56
LADY LIONS	7-1 17-1	LADY LIONS 31 - 47 - 78
Mo. Western	6-2 12-6	
Pittsburg St.	5-3 13-4	
Central Mo. St.	4-4 12-6	
Northwest Mo. St.	4-4 10-7	
Mo.-Rolla	4-4 10-8	
Southwest Baptist	4-4 10-8	
Emporia St.	3-5 7-11	
Mo.-St. Louis	3-5 8-9	
Lincoln	0-8 2-15	
Northeast Mo. St.	0-8 1-17	

LADY LIONS' STATISTICS	FG%	FT%	Reb.	Ass.	Stl.	Pts.
Gladen	40.3	67.4	9.3	1.6	3.4	17.4
Soenen	41.8	77.8	2.2	3.1	1.1	12.7
Becker	50.4	63.9	7.9	1.1	0.5	12.9
Ortega	37.1	75.0	0.7	0.4	0.8	10.2
Horton	46.9	71.3	2.3	1.2	1.2	7.1
Scott	38.2	70.0	4.3	1.2	2.1	5.5
Charleston	44.9	56.0	3.3	0.1	0.4	4.7
McLauray	47.2	75.8	1.9	1.9	1.6	4.5
Van Ren	48.2	71.4	1.3	0.5	0.4	4.5
Presley	51.0	33.3	1.7	1.8	0.7	3.1
Garrison	35.0	78.7	2.7	3.3	1.4	2.8
Totals	46.4	68.3	39.2	16.5	14.1	81.4
Opp. Totals	40.6	70.5	36.4	11.3	9.8	62.2

Three-point field goals: Gladen 1-2 (50%), Soenen 0-9 (42%), Ortega 5-15 (33%), McLauray 0-2, Van Ren 0-2, Presley 1-2 (50%), Garrison 0-1.

INTRAMURALS

Shick Super Hoops 3-on-3 Basketball

Play begins Sunday at 2 p.m., Young Gymnasium.
Tournament Champions go to the University of Mo.-Kansas City Feb. 24.

BASKETBALL

LAST THURSDAY NIGHT

Recreation League
Blue Devils/Duane Cox 27-50, Huskies 28
Kappa Alpha 2, Shockers 0 (Forfeit)
Fab Five/Eric Parker 11-46, Veterans 19
Elite (Colby Renner 10-30, 4 Egg Macs/Egg Roll 28

MONDAY NIGHT

Recreation League
Underdogs (ASU/Larry Warner 13), Pense 42
Ron's Team/Ron Mitchell 120-38, SMF 34
Blue Devils/Dustin Summers 15-47 Celtics 41

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

Women's League
Shooters vs. Local Motion
Keepers vs. TW & Others
Recreation League
Fab Five vs. ShyMcTimber
4 Big Mac & Egg Roll vs. The Elite

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Recreation League
Underdogs vs. Ren's Team
4 Big Mac & Egg Roll vs. Blue Devils
Shooters vs. Veterans
ShyMcTimber vs. Kappa Alpha

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Advanced League
C-6 vs. Carries
C-6 Toss vs. Ice
Exhibitional vs. Six Shooters
IAFT vs. Grave Diggers

SOUTHERN SPORTS SUNDAY

Lady Lions vs. NWMSU
Sunday 8 p.m. MSTV.



CHAD HAYWORTH

Three-point success due to team

Random notes from the sidelines...

Just what is it that Coach Robert Corn and Lady Lions Coach Scott Ballard are putting in the water on in Young Gymnasium?

It's got to be some secret substance, because Saturday night both teams had players shoot on the lights from three-point land.

Christine Ortega: 6 for 7.

Dirk Price: 6 for 7.

If these two stay hot, Southern can collect frequent flyer miles on the game ball.

If Price can continue to connect from downtown, he will quickly become a crowd favorite like Ortega.

Maybe the Southern fans will begin to scream for the three-point shot every time it touches the ball, like they do for Ortega.

As for Ortega, credit Ballard and her teammates for some of her success.

Ortega can be a phenomenal bomber, but Ballard has been recognizing the difference between the times to stay away and the times to stay the rock. And the rest of the Lady Lions are setting some great picks to free her for 1/1000th of a second it takes to get her shot off.

Let's just hope she's hot.

Things aren't as easy as they look.

I made my television announcing debut on Southern Sports Sunday on MSTV last weekend. Let me tell you, Dick Vitale and Billy Packer have nothing to worry about.

I won't say I was terrible, but I don't expect ESPN to be calling anytime soon.

I consider myself knowledgeable about most facets of the sports world, and I generally discuss basketball with the best of 'em.

But put a microphone in front of my mouth and suddenly it's like I've been eating oatmeal.

Before I would open my mouth, I knew exactly what I wanted to say. But as soon as I began to speak, it all went for naught.

I relied on my broadcast partner Ron Fauss to carry through, and I hope I didn't sound like a complete fool. Next time will be better, promise.

I did manage to make Lady Lion Honey Scott mad when I said that last season she tended to "back first" and ask questions later.

Sorry, Honey, but it's true. But for now, I still feel better in front of my word processor than a television audience.

I guess my column about our poor, sexually confused mascot has hit home.

It has been nearly two months since I wrote it, and have yet to see him (her?) at Southern basketball game.

I wonder if our mascot is seeking help for his problems, or if he's just laying low. I wish I had gotten some sort of response to my column.

It's hard to believe no one even tried to defend the poor guy's (girl's?) honor by offering an explanation, no matter how weak the excuse might have been.

I didn't even get any mail from transvestites' night groups.

I was disappointed. I hope we see a return of the mascot, but only when he's gender confusion is straightened out.